Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A compound represented by the following general formula(1), a salt thereof, or an ester thereof:

$$CI$$
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 CO_2H
 $(CH_2)_m$
 $(CH_2)_n$
 CO_2H
 (1)

wherein m represents a integer of 0 to 4, n represents an integer of 5 to 9, and W represents -CH(OR)- (wherein R represents hydrogen atom or a protective group) or -C(=O)-.

2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein n+m is 9, a salt thereof, or an ester thereof.

- 3. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of 2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-hydroxydodecanoic acid and 2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-hydroxydodecanoic acid, a salt thereof or an ester thereof.
- 4. (Original) A medicine which comprises as an active ingredient a substance selected from the group consisting of a compound represented by the general formula (1) according to claim 1, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a physiologically acceptable ester thereof, wherein m represents an integer of 0 to 4, n represents an integer of 5 to 9, and W represents -CH(OR)- (wherein R represents hydrogen atom or a protective group of hydroxyl group) or -C(=O)-.
- 5. (Original) The medicine according to claim 4 for preventive and/or therapeutic treatment of a disease selected from the group consisting of hyperlipemia, atherosclerosis, diabetes, complications of diabetes, inflammation, and cardiopathy.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The medicine according to claim 4 or 5 in a form of a pharmaceutical composition which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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7. (New) The medicine according to claim 5 in a form of a pharmaceutical composition which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.